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THE SUNDAY TIMES, FEB. 26, CARRIED A REPORT BY RICHARD WALKER FROM NEW YORK CITING STATEMENTS BY JACK SUMMERS, NEW YORK PUBLICIST FOR THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE. SUMMERS, WHO WILL REPORTEDLY FLY TO WINDHOEK THIS WEEK, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE INTERNAL SOLUTION WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LAUNCH A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TURNHALLE ALLIANCE NEXT MONTH. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE.

BEGIN TEXT: US PUBLICIST FLIES TO "SELL" TURNHALLE.
MANHATTAN PUBLICIST JACK SUMMERS FLIES TO WINDHOEK THIS WEEK TO COMPLETE DETAILS OF AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVE TO PROMOTE THE TURNHALLE ALLIANCE AS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDEPENDENT SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

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"NO, NO, IT'S NO BIG DEAL," HE SAID OF CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUO'S PROTEST THAT HE WAS OPERATING WITHOUT ATHORITY.

"CHIEF KAPUUO CALLED ME ON THAT AND I'M GOING OVER THERE TO HAVE THE FORMAL MEETING.

"THEN WE'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK."

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MR. SUMMERS ALREADY HAS A REPRESENTATIVE IN WINDHOEK. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANCE IN CHIEF KAPUUO'S REACTION, EXCEPT THAT "WE JUMPED THE GUN."

CHIEF KAPUUO'S CONCERN OVER POSSIBLY NEGATIVE REACTION FROM SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE COULD HAVE BEEN ANOTHER FACTOR, HE INDICATED.

BUT HE EMPHASISED: THE BIG DRIVE IS ON AND HE WILL MASTERMIND IT--"THERE'S NOBODY ELSE BUT ME," HE ASSURED ME.

ENERGETIC , SUPER-CONFIDENT MR. SUMMERS SHOWED ABSOLUTELY NO SURPRISE AT MR. PIK BOTHA'S WARNING TO PARLIAMENT THAT AN INTERNATIONALLY-ACCETABLE SETTLEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY WAS UNLIKELY.

"THE INTERNAL SOLUTION WAS THE SOLUTION ANYWAY," HE SAID. "THEY WERE NEVER GOING TO ACCEPT IT (THE WESTERN-BACKED, UN-APPROVED FORMULA) BECAUSE IT'S SO UNTENABLE."

WESTERN NEGOTIATORS HERE PONDERED MR. BOTHA'S STATEMENT ON FRIDAY, BUT DECIDED TO SAY NOTHING.

SWAPO TOOK IT CALMLY. "IT PROVES WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG--THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS NEVER BEEN SERIOUS
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ABOUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS," ITS UN REPRESENTATIVE, MR. THEO BEN GURIRAB, TOLD ME.

MR. SUMMERS PLANS TO DELIVER HIS GRAND SLAM ON BEHLAF OF THE ALLIANCE NEXT MONTH--USING VARIOUS CAPITALS AS LAUNCH PADS. FINANCING WILL COME FROM WITHIN THE TERRORITORY, HE SAYS.

"SWAPO'S FINISHED, AS I SAID ALL ALONG," HE CONCULDED. "ALL THAT HAS TO BE DONE NOW IS TO TELL THE WORLD." END TEXT. BOWDLER

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